

March 8, 2006

Townsend Star, Helena IR

**RE: Application for an Operating Permit Amendment for
Graymont's Indian Creek Quarry in Broadwater County**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks:

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for Operating Permit amendment (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-342(3), MCA).

Graymont Western US Inc. (Graymont) (formerly Continental Lime Inc.) of Salt lake City, UT filed an application on February 22, 2006 for an amendment to Operating Permit 00105 from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in Helena and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Butte Field Office in Butte. Graymont operates the Indian Creek Quarry and Plant 4 ½ miles north and northwest of Townsend, MT off the Indian Creek Road in the Limestone Hills on the east flank of the Elkhorn Mountains in Broadwater County. The Indian Creek limestone (calcium carbonate) quarry has been operating since 1981. Graymont produces calcium oxide (quicklime or lime), hydrated lime and other lime products. Graymont proposes to permit a dolomite quarry. Dolomite is a mineral richer in magnesium carbonate than limestone.

Graymont proposes to expand its quarry operating permit area from 1,735 to 3,675 acres. All of the proposed expansion acres would be BLM lands. The quarry permitted disturbance would increase from 757 to 2060 acres. Graymont estimates that with concurrent reclamation a maximum of 600 acres would be disturbed and unreclaimed at any one time. The present disturbance totals 259 acres. The quarry operating permit would be on BLM and Graymont owned lands in sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33 and 34 in Township 7 North and Range 1 East and sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 29 and 29 Township 6 North Range 1 East.

No other changes are proposed such as employment, production rates, etc.

The agencies are reviewing the application and will be preparing an environmental analysis on the project. Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave. in

Helena, MT, at the BLM Butte Field Office at 106 N. Parkmont in Butte, or at the Broadwater School-Community Library at 201 S Spruce in Townsend. Please submit comments or questions on the proposal by April 15, 2006. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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Please send your invoice, affidavit of publication, and an original tear sheet to DEQ at the address listed below to the attention of Sue Fairchild. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # EMB 5036 117. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Plantenberg
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Environmental Management Bureau

File 00105.37

Billing inquires:

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